HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 453 By Todd

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Dane Patrick Martin on his selection to the Sound of America Honor Band.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dane Patrick Martin, who was recently selected to represent Tennessee in the Sound of America National Honor Band; and

WHEREAS, a native of Collierville, Dane is a sophomore at Christian Brothers High School, where he has made the honor roll for every grading period; and

WHEREAS, a talented performer of four instruments, he is currently a Section Leader for the Christian Brothers High School Band, the oldest high school band in the country; and

WHEREAS, Dane is the youngest French horn player to be named to the Tennessee All-West Honor Band, to which he was selected for four consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, he was selected to the Tennessee All-State Band, as well as the Sound of America National Honor Band; and

WHEREAS, the Sound of America National Honor Band is a concert band comprised of the most talented high school instrumentalists from across the United States of America; each year, a new group of students is chosen for the annual European Concert Tour; and

WHEREAS, the tour enables students from throughout the nation to represent America in a highly positive manner as they perform before large European audiences in many of the finest and most unique concert halls in Europe; and

WHEREAS, it is an experience rich in personal growth development under the leadership of the Sound of America Directors and Staff; and

WHEREAS, the Sound of America Band is directed by Mr. Clyde M. Barr, President of North American Music Festivals: and

WHEREAS, this year's tour, the 27th consecutive, will leave July 4, 2003, for a twenty-five day concert tour in seven European nations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many musical talents, Dane evinces his great faith as a member of the Hope Presbyterian Church, where he has given many hours in service work; and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his parents, Dan and Lynn Martin; and

WHEREAS, Dane epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dane Patrick Martin for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Dane Patrick Martin upon being selected to the Sound of America National Honor Band, honor and commend him for so ably representing the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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